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Mr. Warren Angell II  
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Re: NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER (NCBC) DAVISVILLE, R.I.;  
IRP SITES 12 & 14

Dear Mr. Angell:

This is in response to your letter of 10 April 1991, and as a follow up to my telephone conversation with Ms. Linda Wofford on the same date. As stated in our letter of 28 February 1991, this Command felt it appropriate to remove the source of contamination at the referenced sites as soon as possible to eliminate any threat to public health or the environment. Therefore, removal activities at these sites have taken place.

The following verification sampling program was discussed during the conference call of 10 April 1991 among your staff representatives, EPA, this Command, and our consultant:

Site 12 - Building 316

- Surface Soil Samples: the number of surface soil samples will be changed from 5 to 4 samples. All of the soil samples will be analyzed for PCBs (Method 8280), and two of the soil samples will be analyzed for 1,2,4-TCB trichlorobenzene (Method 8270).
- Chip Samples: the number of chip samples will be changed from 5 to 4 samples and will be analyzed for PCBs.
- Wipe Samples: the number of wipe samples will be changed from 5 to 2 wipes and will be analyzed for PCBs.

Site 14 - Building 38

- Surface Soil Samples: the number of surface soil samples will remain at 5. The soil samples will be analyzed for PCBs (method 8280), and two of the soil samples will be analyzed for 1,2,4-TCB, trichlorobenzene (method 8270).

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- Chip Samples: the number of chip samples will be changed from 5 to 3 samples and will be analyzed for PCBs.
- Wipe Samples: the number of wipe samples will be changed from 5 to 2 and will be analyzed for PCBs.

This sampling activity was conducted on 11 April 1991 and we sincerely apologize for the short notice that was given. We will inform you of the cleanup level achieved for polychlorinated biphenyls as soon as the results of the analyses become available.

With regard to your concern about the possible presence of carrier solvents or compounds, we feel that our consultant adequately addressed this issue in our previous response to your comments and in the 10 April 1991 conference call. If your office expects us to perform additional sampling and analysis, please ask us to do so in writing. However, your request must state specifically what sampling and analysis you will require and the basis for your request.

Once again, this Command remains committed to attain expeditious and responsible cleanup at NCBC Davisville, Rhode Island.

Sincerely,



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Head, Restoration Management Section  
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